

# Building a more liveable *community*

“This is an exciting time for Northgate. We have the vision and the partners in place to make major strides to improve this urban center.”

–Mayor Greg Nickels



City of Seattle  
Office of the Mayor  
206-684-4000  
[www.seattle.gov/mayor/](http://www.seattle.gov/mayor/)

## It's time to invest in

# *Northgate*

- as a vibrant community
  - as a revitalized urban center
- as a modern transportation center
  - as a steward of our urban environment



Mayor Greg Nickels





## as a vibrant community

- Northgate is a dynamic, diverse urban center, with homes, schools, churches, businesses, a major shopping mall, quiet residential streets, and regional transportation links.
- Northgate is also on the cusp of change.
- A public library, community center and park are coming.
- The City is acquiring property for a new community garden.
- Funding is secured for an initial \$2 million investment in Fifth Avenue including pedestrian amenities.
- Northgate is well short of its housing goals under the comprehensive plan, but there are key opportunities to create housing that puts people near work, transportation services, and the shopping they need.
- Mayor Nickels has proposed a Housing Tax Incentive plan.

“City regulations have choked progress in the Northgate community. We need to remove the barriers and encourage healthy, long overdue, new investment in Northgate.”  
- Mayor Greg Nickels



One alternative site plan for new library, community center and park.

## as a revitalized urban center

- Northgate Mall has been a premier regional shopping center for nearly a half century. Generations of Seattle families have grown up shopping at “the mall.”
- Improving City regulations allows for investment by our private partners, to bring long-anticipated upgrades to the mall, community development and new housing.
- Development projects will still be guided by citywide zoning regulations, the Northgate Overlay, the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and design review that will apply new Northgate neighborhood-specific design guidelines once adopted.
- New development at the mall will provide jobs, a stronger tax base, and will serve Seattle’s families for decades to come.
- It’s time to invest in this major retail resource.

New development proposed for Northgate (replacing old theater and hospital.)



## as a modern transportation center

- Northgate is a regional transportation center, connecting the large residential neighborhoods of north Seattle to the rest of Seattle via transit services and connections to I-5 and Aurora Avenue North.
- King County Metro will develop a new major transit center with innovative transit oriented development on the south lot of Northgate Mall along I-5. ([www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/alts/tod/](http://www.metrokc.gov/kcdot/alts/tod/))
- Both Sound Transit and the Monorail are envisioned to come to Northgate.
- Pedestrians will have better connections between neighborhoods and key destinations.
- A Fifth Avenue Streetscape project will focus on the pedestrian and improve the area’s aesthetics, with wider sidewalks and more trees.
- It’s time to invest in Northgate to make it a more accessible destination for all modes of transportation.

Plans for major new transit hub adjacent to I-5.



## as a steward of our urban environment

- The open space and pond with native vegetation planned at the east end of the South Lot will store and remove polluted runoff from over 30-acres of the Northgate area, water currently entering Thornton Creek untreated.
- The habitat projects for Thornton Creek (Park 6) will enhance the environment for both wildlife and park visitors.
- The Thornton Creek Action Agenda will transform the community-driven Watershed Action plan recommendations into actions to improve the health of the creek as soon as possible.
- It’s time to do more for our urban environment, by improving the headwaters of Thornton Creek for people and fish, and by celebrating our natural environment within our urban landscape.

New community garden coming to Northgate.



Northgate is moving forward